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QUESTION OF THE REALIZATION IN ALL COUNTRIES OF THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS CONTAINED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, AND STUDY OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS WHICH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FACE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THESE HUMAN RIGHTS

United States of America: proposed amendments to draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.20

1. Replace PPs 2 and 3 with the following:

"Recalling its resolution 1997/9 of 3 April 1997, Economic and Social Council decision 1995/288 of 25 July 1995 and General Assembly resolution 46/126 of 17 December 1991,"

2. Delete PP 4

3. PP 5, delete human rights to

4. Delete PP 6

5. Delete PP 7

6. PP 9, delete from industrialized countries

7. PP 10, delete human rights to

8. OP 2, for Welcomes read Takes note of

9. OP 3, delete increasing rate of; delete in developing countries

10. OP 4, delete the human rights to; delete of every individual

11. OP 7, for Welcomes read Takes note of

12. OP 8, after Special Rapporteur delete all text

13. OP 9, after Basel Convention, replace text with the following:

(a) To pay appropriate attention to the reports of the Special Rapporteur and any human rights aspects of the phenomenon of the transboundary movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes she may have identified in her reports;

(b) To identify appropriate means of responding to requests from States for assistance in implementing existing instruments controlling this phenomenon;

14. Replace OPs 10-15 with the following new OPs 10, 11 and 12:

10. Decides to renew the mandate of the Special Rapporteur for one year, and requests the Special Rapporteur, after consulting the competent United Nations bodies, in particular the secretariat for the Basel Convention and the United Nations Environment Programme, to submit a final report to the Commission at its fifty-fifth session on:

(a) Ways and means to alert the relevant bodies to the issues raised in her reports;

(b) How the relevant bodies propose to undertake an organized response to these issues, taking into account the need to avoid duplication of mandates within the United Nations system;

(c) Measures for control of this phenomenon that may be under consideration by the competent bodies;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the Special Rapporteur;

12. Decides to study the need for follow-up to the present resolution at its fifty-fifth session, under the same agenda item, on the basis of the final report of the Special Rapporteur.

15. Delete OP 17 (covered by OP 11, above).